

No franchise longer than 30 years.

regulation of the Board of Aldermen, and no franchise, charter or privilege shall be sold or granted for a longer period than thirty years.

No action to be instituted until demand made.

SEC. 69. No action shall be instituted or maintained against said city upon any claim or demand whatsoever of any kind or character until the claimant shall have first presented his or her demand in writing to said Board of Aldermen, and said Board of Aldermen shall have declined to pay or settle the same as presented, or for thirty days after such presentation neglected to enter or cause to be entered upon its minutes its determination in regard thereto; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any statute of limitations prescribed by laws from commencing to run at the time such claim accrued or demand arose, or to in any manner interfere with its running.

Statute of limitations.

No action for damages unless claim filed within 90 days.

SEC. 70. No action for damages against said city of any character whatever, to either person or property, shall be instituted against said city unless within ninety days after the happening or infliction of the injury complained of, the complainant, his executors or administrators shall have given notice to the Board of Aldermen of said city of such injury in writing, stating in such notice the date and place of the happening or infliction of such wrong, the character of the injury and the amount of damages claimed therefor; but this shall not prevent any statute of limitations prescribed by law from commencing to run at the date of the happening or infliction of such injury, or in any manner interfere with its running.

Statute of limitations.

No fees or costs of magistrates to be charged against the city.

SEC. 71. That no fees or costs of magistrates or other officers for the arrest or trial of persons charged with misdemeanors, including vagrancy, shall be assessed upon or collected out of the city.

Contracts over \$200 to be written.

SEC. 72. That all the work to be done for the city wherein the total amount for material and labor shall exceed the sum of two hundred dollars shall be let out only on written contract, and no work shall be subdivided so as to defeat the operation of this section.

No work subdivided.

No officer or employee to be interested in contract with city.

SEC. 73. No Mayor, Alderman or other officer, appointee or employee of said city shall become a contractor for work to be done by said city, or subcontractor therefor, or employed or interested therein, directly or indirectly, and any person herein offending shall, by the very act, forfeit his office or employment, and shall also be guilty of a misdemeanor, and said Board of Aldermen shall declare any such contract to be null and void.

Penalty: forfeiture of office and contract to be void.

City may establish sewerage system, pave streets and sidewalks, establish water-works, gas, electric or other light plant. Build and own city hall and market house.

SEC. 74. That the city of Washington may establish a system of sewerage; may pave its streets and sidewalks; may establish a system of water-works; may establish a gas, electric or other plant for furnishing lights; may build and own a city hall and market house, and may own and operate any or all of these improvements, and may make other public improvements, and may purchase any